



2023 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (IDPD), CREATING ACCESS FOR A PERSON WITH DISABILITY; IS ACCESS FOR ALL.

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SUMMARY: TOTAL INCLUSION ADVOCATES FOR MAKING TOWNS AND CITIES IN NIGERIA ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE

TOTAL INCLUSION LTD/GTE, - A non-profit, non-political and a proactive advocacy organisation, promoter of accessible and inclusive society, announced today a hybrid event to commemorate **2023 International Day for Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) in Nigeria**.

The theme; *“United in action to rescue and achieve the SDGS for, with and by persons with disabilities”*, is highly significant and instructive. The theme reminds stakeholders, particularly individuals with disabilities and organisations of persons with disabilities of the need to promote accessible and inclusive societies, in order to meet the goals of SDGS.

Across the world, about 1.3 billion persons have a disability. In Nigeria, more than 30-million people have one form of disability or another. However, these people are plagued with many challenges, including excruciating hunger and poverty. While commending President Bola Tinubu, GCFR, for appointing an SSA on person with disabilities and distribution of palliatives to most vulnerable citizens, governments must demonstrate political will and commitment to addressing structural barriers causing socio-economic and political inequalities between citizens with disabilities and those without.

Nigeria ratified the convention on the rights of persons with disabilities in 2007, signed its optional protocols in 2010 and enacted the national disability act in 2019. These laws prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities and emphasise the need for governments to make public buildings, roads and amenities accessible and inclusive. Unfortunately, however, persons with disabilities are still chronically poor and so many have no access to education. Nigeria has adopted the SDGS, but with less than seven years to its expiration in 2030, poverty, hunger, limited education and other indicators are unabated. To bridge these gaps, all developmental projects or programmes of government should incorporate inclusive concerns of citizens with disabilities.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE NATIONAL DISABILITY ACT?

You need to join us via zoom on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIoce-trTMtE9Q5ixnHPfaetchjp2OAHVxL> ;

Our knowledgeable resource persons will guide you through. While calling on disability activists and organisations of persons with disabilities to prioritise advocacy on disability inclusion and the implementation of the disability act, 2018, the executive director of Total Inclusion, Mr. David Okon appeals to various tiers of government to stop building inaccessible or exclusive physical structures, especially as the moratorium provided for in the disability act would have elapsed in January, 2024.

For more information on disability issues and 2023 IDPD, click on the links below;

<https://social.desa.un.org/issues/disability/news/2023disabilityday#:~:text=Ending%20poverty%20and%20ensuring%20dignity%20for%20all.>

<https://placng.org/i/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/The-Discrimination-Against-Persons-with-Disabilities-Prohibition-Act.pdf.>

<https://social.desa.un.org/issues/disability/crpd/convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-crpd..>

<https://sdgs.un.org/goals..>

Total Inclusion Limited/Gte is a Disabled Persons Organisation operating in Nigeria, founded in January, 2022. As our name implies, we work for the total inclusion of PWDS into society, through issue-based advocacy, legislative and policy reforms, as well as building capacity of PWDS.

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